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(C) On September 9, emboff met Gaja Peric, Desk Officer in the Slovenian MFA's Security Policy Division, to encourage Slovenian support for the proposed expansion of the Afghan National Army (ANA) (reftel A). Peric said that Slovenia supported the ANA expansion, as current ANA soldiers had proven to be capable in cooperation with the ISAF. She commented that Slovenia has donated equipment and ammunition through the existing trust fund for the ANA (reftel C), and supports the creation of a multidonor fund to help fund expansion. She noted, however, that Slovenia is evaluating its approach to trust funds since it wants to maintain its primary focus on the western Balkans. She concluded that Slovenia could not commit to a position on its role in any multidonor fund for ANA expansion until Slovenia settles its internal debate about managing priorities.
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